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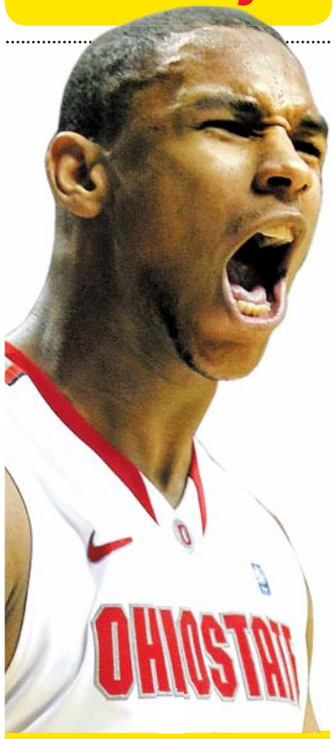

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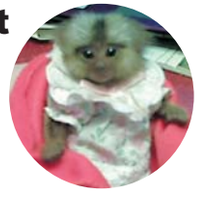
Cunning Thief Trap Under Window Finally Pays Off

A man is in custody after police say he broke into an Arizona townhouse and got stuck in a clothes hamper underneath the window he climbed through. Michael Trias was arrested on suspicion of burglary and criminal damage. A resident heard someone struggling with the hamper at about 9 a.m. Thursday. **(AP)**

Victoria's Secret Sees Untapped Bra Market



A woman turned a few heads when she walked into a rural Virginia courthouse with a tiny monkey clad in a pink-and-white dress tucked in her bra. The woman brought the palm-sized marmoset to the Amherst County Courthouse on Thursday for a hearing in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. One official says the woman explained the monkey with, "Well, would you leave your child at home? She has to be close to me." **(AP)**

Shy Girls Briefly Had Nowhere to Cry!

After several failed attempts to deter graffiti in the girls' bathroom at an elementary school in Kalispell, Mont., the principal threatened to take the doors off the stalls. And then he did it. Justin Barnes says he'll do it again if the graffiti returns. The doors were returned March 7, two weeks after they were taken down. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

JOSHUA TRUJILLO/AP

KIDS PROTEST the de-planetization of Pluto on Saturday in Seattle. Sunday was the 81st anniversary of Pluto's discovery. In 2006, the International Astronomical Union reclassified Pluto as the largest object in the Kuiper Belt, a belt beyond the orbit of Neptune. **(AP)**

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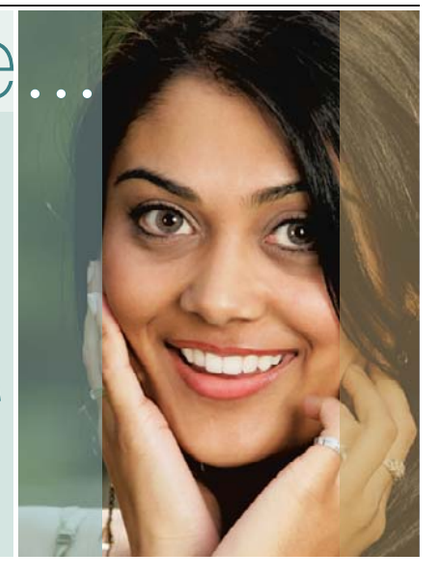

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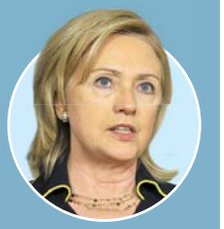

Focusing On Libya

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will discuss with European officials on Monday in Paris the options for handling the continued fighting in Libya.

Japan Steels For Plunge

The Bank of Japan is ready to prop up the financial system amid fears the Tokyo stock market will nosedive when trading opens Monday after an 8.9-magnitude earthquake Friday in Japan.

Doubts Emerge in N.Y.C. Bus Crash

Officials: Witnesses dispute cause behind accident that killed 14

New York

Passengers and witnesses to a horrific New York City crash that sheared the top off a bus and killed 14 people told investigators that the driver's account of getting clipped by a tractor-trailer didn't match up to what they felt and saw before the vehicle slid off the road and into a sign pole.

Driver Ophadell Williams had told police that his World Wide Tours bus was hit just as it crossed the New York City line early Saturday on a trip from the Mohegan Sun casino in Connecticut.

But passengers said Williams had already swerved at times to the right for no reason, a law enforcement official said Sunday.

The official said that passengers said they didn't feel anything hit them and that other motorists on Interstate 95 said they didn't see the bus get hit.

NYPD Capt. Matthew Galvin was one of the first rescuers on the scene Saturday. He said when officers clambered into the wreckage, they found "bodies everywhere."

In his 22 years on the job, Galvin said, "it's probably the worst accident I've ever seen, in terms of the human toll."

As many as 20 passengers were treated at hospitals. Nine, including the driver, remained hospitalized Sunday, officials said.

Christopher Hart, the vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said a team of investigators would look at the motor carrier's safety programs, including those involving driver fatigue, as well as highway design and the bus itself. (AP)

Backstory

Many of the 31 passengers aboard the World Wide Tours bus that crashed at about 5:35 a.m. Saturday were residents of New York City's Chinatown. They ranged in age from 20 to 50, officials said. Chinatown community organizations offered to help victims' families cope. Oanfa Quan, who runs a company that provides wigs and medical prostheses, said she was working with an area group to provide wigs in case some of the victims need them for burial. "Usually, the family wants it for their own peace of mind," she said. (AP)

High Waters Sweep Through N.J. Towns

JULIO CORTEZ/AP

AN ABANDONED BUS SITS ON A BRIDGE Sunday in Paterson, N.J., trapped in high water from the rain-swollen Passaic River. Flooding, while not as severe as initially predicted, still snarled travel throughout the region, officials said.

Spokesman Quits in WikiLeaks Flap

Washington

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley quit Sunday after causing a stir by calling the military's treatment of the suspected WikiLeaks collaborator "ridiculous" and "stupid," words that forced President Obama to defend the detention.

"Given the impact of my remarks, for which I take full responsibility, I have submitted my resignation," Crowley said in a department statement.

Crowley's comments about the brig conditions for Pfc. Bradley Manning, 23, in Quantico, Va., reverberated quickly, from the audience in Massachusetts where Crowley spoke Friday to when Obama weighed in about the soldier believed responsible for the largest leak of classified American documents ever.

Crowley

Manning is being held in solitary confinement for all but an hour every day, and is stripped naked each night and given a suicide-proof smock to wear to bed. Amnesty International says this may violate Manning's human rights. (AP)

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New Fathers Also Get the Blues, Study Says

Doctors: Depressed dads are more likely to spank 1-year-olds

Chicago

Just like new moms, new fathers can be depressed, and a study found a surprising number of sad dads spanked their 1-year-olds.

About 40 percent of depressed fathers in a survey said they'd spanked kids that age, versus just 13 percent of fathers who weren't depressed. Most also had had recent contact with their child's doctor — a missed opportunity to get help, authors of the study said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and many experts warn against spanking children. Studies have shown that kids who are spanked are at risk of being abused and becoming aggressive.

Depressed dads were also less likely to read to their kids, an activity the researchers called part of positive parenting.

The study was released online Monday in the journal Pediatrics. The authors analyzed data on 1,746 fathers in 16 large U.S. cities, conducted in 1999-2000.

Overall, 7 percent of dads had experienced recent major depression. Some likely had a history of depression, but in others it was probably tied to their children's birth, similar to postpartum depression in women, lead author Dr. Neal Davis said. (AP)

Backstory

Postpartum depression is more common in women; by some estimates, as many as 25 percent develop it after childbirth. Severe cases have been tied to suicide and to kids' deaths. Less is known about depression in new dads, and the study released Monday raises awareness about an under-recognized problem, said Dr. Craig Garfield of Northwestern University. (AP)

A Boost for Giffords: While Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona continues to improve from a gunshot wound to the head, three friends are striving to keep Giffords politically viable during her extended absence. On Tuesday, fellow Democrats Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York are hosting a fundraiser in Washington for Giffords' 2012 campaign. (AP)

Conservation

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION called Archangel Ancient Tree Archive is collecting the genetic material of some of the most iconic trees, including California's redwoods, and replanting clones to put the world's ancient forests to work absorbing carbon dioxide, the gas largely responsible for global warming. The plan is to produce copies of 200 crucial varieties. (AP)

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Weekend Review

1 CAIRO

Arab League Endorses No-Fly Zone in Libya

Saying Moammar Gadhafi's regime "lost its sovereignty," the Arab League on Saturday urged the U.N. Security Council to impose a no-fly zone over Libya in a surprisingly fast move for the bloc. Western diplomats have said Arab and African approval was needed before the council could vote on a no-fly zone. (AP)

2 MADISON, WIS.

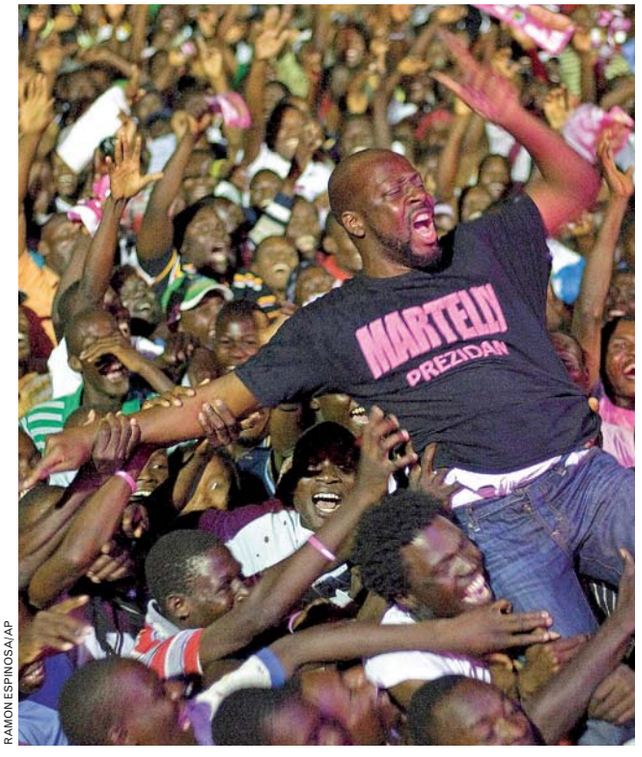
Protesters Clog Madison In Largest Rally So Far

Protesters on Saturday rallied in Madison again, one day after Gov. Scott Walker signed a bill taking most collective bargaining rights from public workers. Police estimated the crowd, the largest Madison protest so far, at 85,000 to 100,000 people. (AP)

3 LISBON, PORTUGAL

Economic Anger Drives Protests in Portugal

Portugal's Facebook generation, inspired by a pop song, marched in a dozen cities Saturday to vent frustration at grim career prospects amid an economic crisis. About 30,000 people, mostly in their 20s and 30s, packed Lisbon streets. (AP)



RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

4 Rallying Hope in Haiti

Haitian-born singer Wyclef Jean performs in Gonaives, Haiti, at a rally for Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly, one of the candidates in the country's presidential runoff, scheduled for Sunday. Political uncertainty after a criticized November vote has plagued the country for months.

5 "If this war is a war against terrorism, then the war against terrorism is not in our villages or on our soil."

— **AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI,** ON SATURDAY, SPEAKING TO THE FAMILIES OF THE NINE CHILDREN KILLED IN A RECENT NATO AIRSTRIKE AND DEMANDING NATO HAVE ITS TROOPS "STOP THEIR OPERATIONS ON OUR SOIL." IT WAS THE BLUNTEST LANGUAGE HE HAS USED TO CRITICIZE THE WAR EFFORTS.

6 WASHINGTON

10 NFL Players File Suit As Lockout Commences

Unable to decide how to divide $9 billion a year, NFL owners locked out the players at midnight Friday, creating the NFL's first stoppage since 1987. The union decertified Friday, and 10 players, including quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning, sued the owners, saying the league violated antitrust laws. (AP)

7 MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Pirates Again Threaten Danes After Rescue Try

Pirates on Friday moved a Danish family to a ship off the Somali coast and threatened to kill them if further attempts were made to free the couple, their three children and two crew members. The developments follow a rescue attempt Thursday by forces from Somalia's semiautonomous region of Puntland. (AP)

8 MOSCOW

11,000

The number of people evacuated from Russia's Kuril islands, located on its Pacific coastline, on Friday ahead of tsunami waves from the 8.9-magnitude earthquake that devastated Japan. Officials said the waves caused no damage. (AP)

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World

Gadhafi Troops Pound Rebel Stronghold

Libyan army steps up its attacks after a series of victories

Benghazi, Libya

Moammar Gadhafi's forces swept rebels from one of their final strongholds with hours of searing waves of strikes from warships, tanks and warplanes on Sunday, but the insurgents claimed that they moved back in after nightfall.

One rebel said that after their initial defeat, opposition forces destroyed armored vehicles and captured dozens of fighters from Gadhafi's elite Khamis Brigade in the oil town of Brega, driving others back into the town's airport.

> **"They are a group of rats and vermin, and as soon as we go in, they will raise their hands and surrender."**
>
> — **MILAD HUSSEIN,** LIBYAN ARMY SPOKESMAN, SAYING A FULL MILITARY ACTION ISN'T NECESSARY IN BENGHAZI.

Another opposition fighter told The Associated Press by telephone that celebrations had broken out in the nearby city of Ajdabiya, and celebratory gunfire, honking and shouting could be heard in the background.

"We are on our way to Brega to celebrate with our brothers there," he said.

The opposition has seen a series of reversals in its battle for control of Libya's main coastal highway, which runs from Gadhafi's western stronghold in the capital, Tripoli, to rebel-held territory in the east. Gadhafi's forces seem emboldened by their string of victories but their supply lines are increasingly stretched, and they depend on artillery, airstrikes and naval attacks that are more difficult to launch at night. **(AP)**

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A Libyan rebel carries a rocket-propelled grenade launcher in Brega on Sunday.

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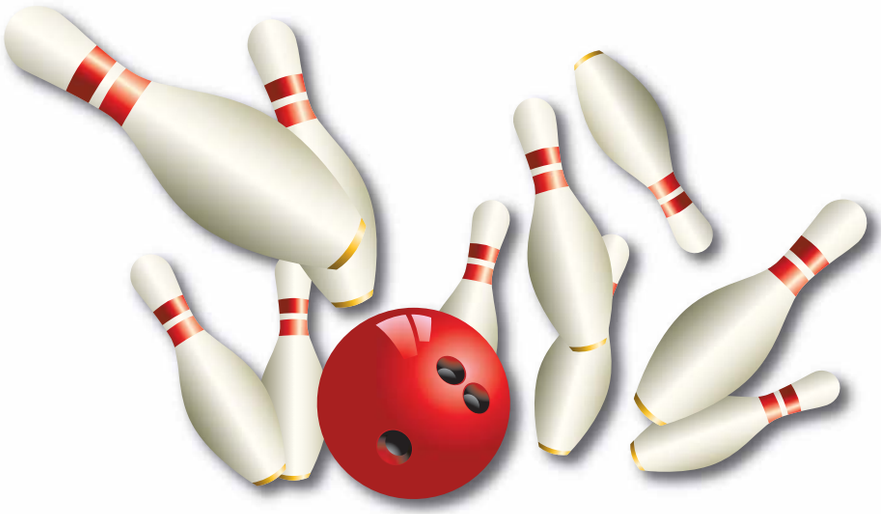

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World

Israel Approves New Settlement After Killings

Jerusalem

Israel responded defiantly Sunday to a bloody Palestinian assault against West Bank settlers by approving construction of new settlement housing, retaliating for Friday's stabbing deaths of a father, mother and three small children with a measure that infuriated Palestinians and, together with the attack, threw already shaky peace efforts into a new tailspin.

As Israel's military searched for suspects in a broad sweep in the West Bank, thousands thronged a Jerusalem cemetery for the funeral. **(AP)**

Ambush Kills 9 In NW Pakistan

Parachinar, Pakistan

Gunmen ambushed a van and killed nine civilians Sunday in a stretch of northwestern Pakistan covered by a new peace deal among tribes from rival Muslim sects. Security forces responding to the attack killed three alleged gunmen, police said.

A police official said the attack occurred on the main road from Kurram to the city of Peshawar. The road had recently reopened after the Shiite Muslim Toori and Bangash tribes inked the deal with the Mangal and other Sunni Muslim tribes, ending a four-year conflict that cost hundreds of lives. **(AP)**

Protesters' Ire Surges in Bahrain

HASAN JAMALI/AP

A MAN GESTURES TO POLICE in Manama, Bahrain, as thousands of anti-government protesters paralyze the capital Sunday. Unrest roiled elsewhere in the region as more than 200 Saudis rallied in Riyadh for the release of detainees and scuffles broke out during protests in Yemen, leaving 100 hurt.

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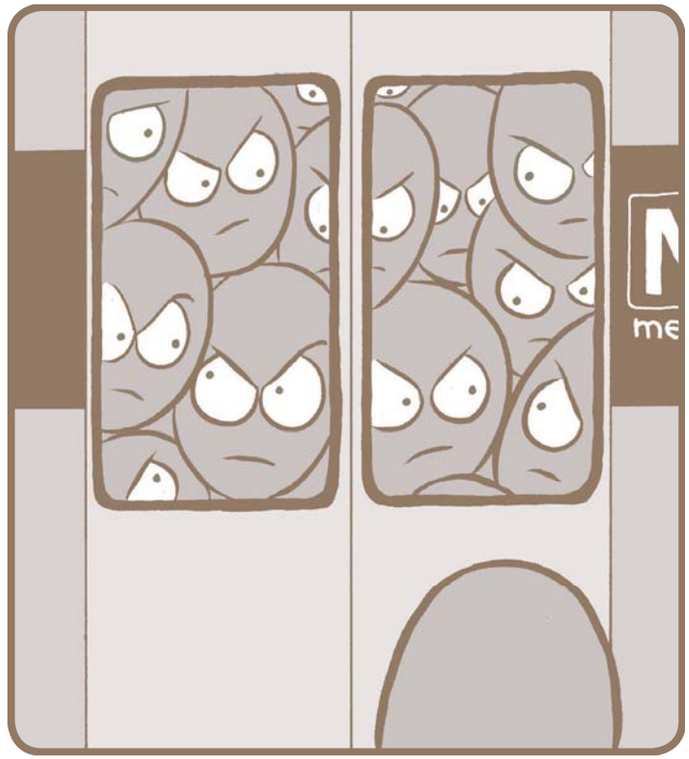

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Don't Be a Jerk

Anyone who rides Metro regularly recognizes that its lousy escalators, aging security cameras and busted GPS units on buses need some serious upgrading. But fixing most of Metro's woes is going to take money that just isn't available. That's pretty much what general manager Richard Sarles acknowledged last week.

By Vicky Hallett

So I suggest we prepare ourselves to face some inconveniences and focus on tackling the one problem within our power to solve: jerkiness.

In the spectrum of rider behavior, there are some acts that are downright criminal, including seat hogging, eating and blasting loud music. But jerkiness is the most pervasive offense I've seen on Metro. You know, when people insist on standing by the doors instead of moving down the aisle to make room. Or when they don't watch where they're swinging their huge bags, which proceed to smack you in the face.

The worst jerkiness emerges during rush hour. Too large of a crowd builds up, and everyone pushes their way onto the first train to arrive. When it's time for the doors to close, they can't. They bounce open and attempt to close again. And again. The Metro driver is forced to off-load the train, leaving an even bigger, angrier mob on the platform.

I had the pleasure of being in one of these hordes at Farragut North a week ago. As the next train approached, the impending jerkiness was palpable. People inched as close to the platform edge as possible and guarded their positions with arms flared to their sides, signaling that sharp elbows awaited trespassers. A holier-than-thou woman announced, "We can try to be civil," as she stepped on my toe.

So I backed away, even though I knew retreating would mean I'd miss my MARC train. Sometimes it's just not worth it.

At other times, however, circumstances demand some measure of rudeness. Had it been a little later in the evening, and if I'd been at risk of facing an hour-and-a-half wait for MARC, I'd have been a jerk, too. But at least I'd have had a good excuse. And I would have said, "Sorry!" — and meant it.

A little jerkiness is inevitable, but if we unleash it only when necessary, we'll be in for a much smoother ride.

METRO PULSE

How do you think Kaya Henderson is going to do as D.C. schools chancellor?

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Dismay After Marriage Bill Fails

Gay, lesbian couples in Md. crestfallen by civil rights setback

Annapolis, Md.

Ken Goodman's fondest wish was to return to Silver Spring with the man he has been with for 15 years and get married in front of his childhood friends and his parents.

So Goodman, co-owner of an investment firm, listened Friday as the Maryland House of Delegates debated same-sex marriage, his heart sinking when the bill was effectively killed for the year.

"I heard some people say they weren't comfortable with the idea of same-sex marriage," he said, describing himself as "crushed." "That word burns me. They weren't comfortable with the idea of our civil rights?"

Across Maryland and beyond, gay and lesbian couples expressed disappointment at the defeat of same-sex marriage — and a determination to bring up the issue again next year.

"I was hoping to be even prouder to say, 'I'm a Marylander,' but I can't say that now," said Larry Burkhart, who lives in Paris with a man he wants to marry and bring home to Rockville. "That's a big disappointment."

CAROL MORELLO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

AARON C. DAVIS/TWP

People against gay marriage protest the legislation in Annapolis on Friday.

In Memorium

FRIENDS, VETERANS AND STRANGERS are paying their respects to the last American veteran of World War I. The body of Frank Buckles is resting in a flag-draped casket at Joseph Gawler's Sons Chapel in Washington, where visitations are being held. Buckles will be buried Tuesday with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Buckles died last month at his home in Charles Town, W.Va., at age 110. (AP)

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The attack occurred Friday in Bethesda.

Police ID Woman Slain in Attack at Lululemon Store

Bethesda, Md.

Police have identified a 30-year-old woman who was slain during a burglary at an upscale athletic apparel store in Bethesda.

The victim was identified as 30-year-old Jayna Murray of Arlington. Montgomery County police have not said how she was killed.

Murray and a 27-year-old co-worker were attacked Friday night inside the Lululemon Athletica store on Bethesda Avenue. Police say the women had closed the store for the night but went back after one of them forgot something. That's when they were attacked by two men dressed in black wearing masks and gloves.

Murray was killed, and her co-worker was bound and sexually assaulted, but survived. Police found her Saturday morning after another employee arrived to open the store and saw that something was wrong. **(AP)**

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Japanese soldiers at a radiation treatment center in Nihonmatsu carry a person who is believed to be contaminated Sunday.

Meltdown Fear Spreads Across Japan

Officials race to prevent nuclear reactor catastrophes after Friday's earthquake

Koriyama, Japan

Japanese officials warned of a possible second explosion Sunday at a nuclear plant crippled by Friday's earthquake and tsunami as they raced to stave off multiple reactor meltdowns, but they provided few details about whether they were making progress. More than 180,000 people have evacuated the area, and up to 160 may have been exposed to radiation.

Four nuclear plants in northeastern Japan have reported damage, but the danger appeared to be greatest at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex, where one explosion occurred Saturday and a second was feared. Operators have lost the ability to cool three reactors at Dai-ichi and three more at another nearby complex using usual procedures, after the quake knocked out power and the tsunami swamped backup generators.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano said Sunday that a hydrogen explosion could occur at Dai-ichi's Unit 3, the latest reactor to face a possible meltdown. That would follow a hydrogen blast Saturday in the plant's Unit 1.

"At the risk of raising further public concern, we cannot rule out the possibility of an explosion," Edano said. "If there is an explosion, however, there would be no significant impact on human health."

Operators have been dumping seawater into units 1 and 3 in a last-ditch measure to cool the reactors. They were getting water into the other four reactors with cooling problems without resorting to corrosive sea water, which likely makes the reactors unusable.

Edano said residents within about 12 miles of the Dai-ichi plant were ordered to evacuate as a precaution, and the radioactivity released into the environment so far was so small it didn't pose any health threats.

Such statements, though, did little to ease public worries.

"First, I was worried about the quake," said Kenji Koshiba, a construction worker who lives near the plant. "Now, I'm worried about radiation."

At a makeshift emergency center in Koriyama, a steady flow of people were met by officials wearing helmets, surgical masks and goggles.

About 1,500 people had been scanned for radiation exposure, officials said. Up to 160 people, including 60 elderly patients and medical staff who had been waiting for evacuation in the nearby town of Futabe — and 100 others evacuating by bus — might have been exposed to radiation, said Ryo Miyake, a spokesman from Japan's nuclear agency. The severity of their exposure was not clear.

Edano said none of the Fukushima Dai-ichi reactors was near the point of complete meltdown, and he was confident of escaping the worst scenarios.

Officials, though, have declared states of emergency at the six reactors where cooling systems were down — three at Dai-ichi and three at the nearby Fukushima Daini complex. The U.N. nuclear agency said a state of emergency was also declared Sunday at another complex, the Onagawa power plant, after higher-than-permitted levels of radiation were measured there. (AP)

Radiation Risk

How Bad Is It Already?

Radiation levels per hour at one point Saturday were 1,000 times what a person should be exposed to in a year.

1,015 millisieverts
The amount of radiation per hour at the Fukushima site Saturday afternoon

6,000 mSv
All of the workers exposed to this amount of radiation in the Chernobyl accident died within a month.

100 mSv
Recommended limit for radiation workers over five years.

10 mSv
Dose in a full-body CT scan.

0.1 mSv
Dose in a chest X-ray.

10,000+

Death Toll Soars

The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed past 10,000 Sunday as hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water.

Near-freezing temperatures compounded the misery of survivors along hundreds of miles of the northeastern coast battered by the tsunami that smashed inland with breathtaking fury. Rescuers pulled bodies from mud-covered jumbles of wrecked houses, shattered tree trunks, twisted cars and tangled power lines while survivors examined the ruined remains.

The death toll surged after the police chief in Miyagi, one of the three hardest-hit states, told disaster relief officials more than 10,000 people were killed there. But, that was only an estimate. In total, more than 1,400 people were confirmed dead — including 200 people who were found Sunday along the coast — and more than 1,000 were missing from Friday's disasters. (AP)

"This is Japan's most severe crisis since the war ended 65 years ago."

— **PRIME MINISTER NAOTO KAN**, ADDING THAT JAPAN'S FUTURE WOULD BE DECIDED BY ITS RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER.

Rooftop Rescue

Hiromitsu Shinkawa was pushed out to sea while he clung to the roof of his home after a tsunami swept away his wife. For two days, he drifted off Japan's northeastern coast, trying to get the attention of helicopters and ships that passed by — to no avail. Finally, on Sunday, a Japanese military vessel spotted the 60-year-old waving a red cloth. He was about 15 to 10 miles offshore from the earthquake-ravaged city of Minamisoma, said a Defense Ministry spokesman. "I thought today was the last day of my life," he told the Kyodo news agency. (AP)

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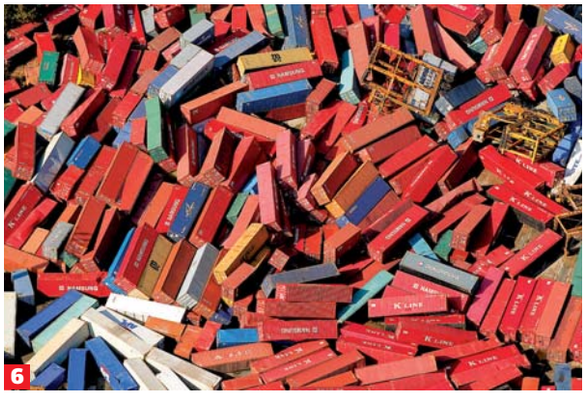


1 A Grim March
Troops survey tsunami devastation on Sunday while searching for survivors in the northern town of Otsuchi. **JIJI PRESS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

2 Holding Tight
A woman in Natori clutches her granddaughter at one of Japan's more-than 1,350 emergency shelters. **YUMIURI SHIMBUN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

3 Overwhelmed
A firefighter rests Sunday in Rikuzentakada. Officials estimate that at least 10,000 died in Japan's disasters. **JIJI PRESS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

4 Port City Inferno
Smoke billows from a gas storage facility still burning on Sunday at the port in Tagajo. **KIM JAE-HWAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

5 Safe House
Evacuees rest on Saturday at a Tokyo theater. Officials say more than 215,000 people have been displaced. **KYODO NEWS/AP**

6 Jumbled Mess
Cargo containers toppled by Friday's 8.9-magnitude earthquake are strewn about an industrial yard in Sendai. **ITSUO INOUYE/AP**

7 Driven Inland
With a powerful surge of water nearly 33 feet high, Friday's tsunami stranded a ferry atop a building in Otsuchi. **YUMIURI SHIMBUN/AP**

Sports

In Brief

PAUL CONNORS/AP

Magic center Dwight Howard, left, drives past Phoenix Suns center Robin Lopez.

PRO BASKETBALL

Magic Routs Suns, 111-88

Dwight Howard had 26 points and 15 rebounds, then watched the fourth quarter from the bench as the Orlando Magic completed a 111-88 rout of the Suns on Sunday for their first victory in Phoenix in nine seasons. Phoenix had been the only NBA city where Howard had not won. Aaron Brooks, starting in place of injured Steve Nash, had 19 points and 10 assists, but the Suns were blown out at home for the second game in a row. **(AP)**

HOCKEY

Pens Skate Past Oilers, 5-1

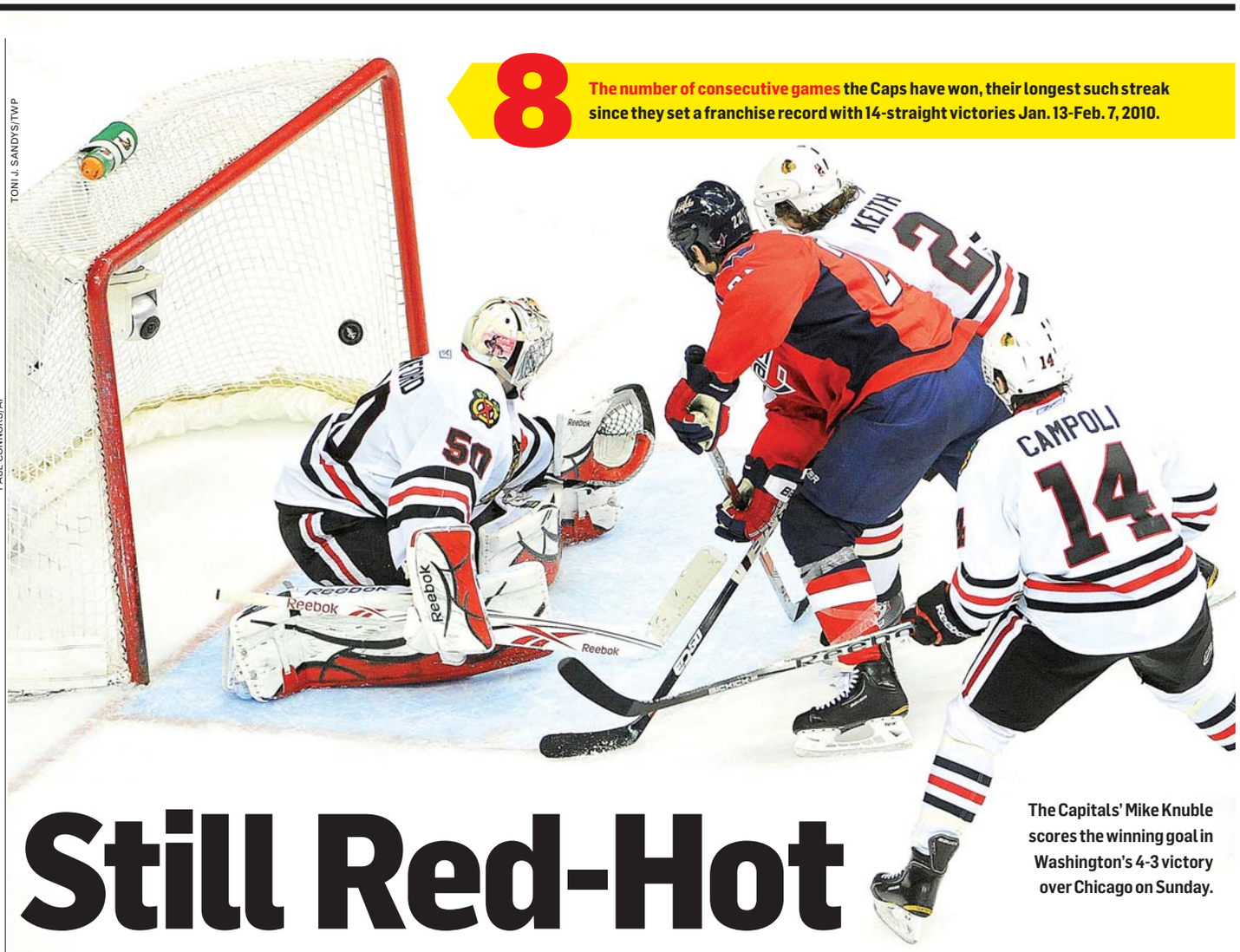
Chris Kunitz scored two goals, Tyler Kennedy added three assists, and the Pittsburgh Penguins moved to within three points of the Eastern Conference lead by beating the Edmonton Oilers 5-1 on Sunday. Max Talbot and Jordan Staal each had a goal and an assist, and Zbynek Michalek also scored for Pittsburgh, which reached 40 victories (40-22-8) for the fifth-consecutive season. **(AP)**

ICE SKATING

Officials Mull Canceling World Championships

International skating officials are weighing whether to hold next week's world figure skating championships in Tokyo after the earthquake and tsunami that ravaged the country. The ISU initially said Yoyogi stadium had been undamaged by Friday's earthquake. But it said Sunday it was considering canceling the event because of the "very worrisome" nuclear crisis. **(AP)**

8 The number of consecutive games the Caps have won, their longest such streak since they set a franchise record with 14-straight victories Jan. 13-Feb. 7, 2010.



TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

The Capitals' Mike Knuble scores the winning goal in Washington's 4-3 victory over Chicago on Sunday.

Still Red-Hot

The Capitals make it 8 in a row with OT win over Blackhawks

The Capitals

The Capitals are no longer waiting for Alex Ovechkin to score. Their offense is getting help from a lot of places, a big reason the Capitals are on a roll.

Mike Knuble was the latest player to step up when he scored with 1:09 left in overtime to give the Capitals their eighth-straight victory, 4-3 over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

Marcus Johansson got the puck between the circles, but instead of shooting, he quickly fed Knuble right in front of goalie Corey Crawford. Knuble deftly shifted the puck from left to right and flicked a shot past Crawford.

"Real heads-up play by Marcus," Knuble said. "It would have been very easy for him to bury his head to try and jam it through, but I kind of laid my stick to the side, and he put it on the tape."

The Blackhawks forced OT when Jonathan Toews stuffed the puck into the right corner on a power play with 38.5 seconds left in the third period.

Chicago got the power play when Johansson was called for hooking with 1:50 left. Coach Joel Quenneville quickly pulled Crawford to give the Blackhawks a two-man advantage.

The Capitals then dominated play in OT. Ovechkin was all over the ice for a long stretch, and Washington outshot the Blackhawks 6-0.

The Capitals moved to one point behind Philadelphia for the top spot in the Eastern Conference, and their Southeast Division lead over Tampa Bay increased to five points. The Capitals have 90 points and are trying for a fourth-straight division title. They have 12 games left; the Lightning has 13.

Four different Capitals scored goals and nine players got points. Boyd Gordon, Jason Arnott and Brooks Laich had goals, and Dennis Wideman added two assists, including one on Knuble's goal.

Ovechkin didn't score a point, but the Capitals still did fine.

Eight of the nine players who registered points were forwards, and the Capitals had an advantage in size, an edge they often have over other teams.

"I think our forwards are as big as anybody's in the league and, on top of that, they can skate," Laich said. "As a defenseman, you don't like going back for the puck ... [and] guys keep coming at you. It wears on you." **(AP)**

The Hot Hand in Net

Coach Bruce Boudreau said that goalie Michal Neuvirth is healthy and ready to play after a piece of metal from his mask entered his eye on Monday. But because Braden Holtby had been playing so well — he stopped 83 of the 84 shots in three earlier games this week — Boudreau went with the hot hand Sunday. And now, the Caps are the first team in NHL history to get seven or more victories from three goalies age 22 or younger. (TWP/AP)

Sports

STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

Duke's Mason Plumlee goes up for a slam dunk during Sunday's ACC championship.

Richmond Wins First A-10 Crown

Men's College Hoops

Kevin Anderson capped a tournament MVP performance with 23 points, and Richmond finished the job this season, winning its first Atlantic 10 title with a 67-54 victory over Dayton on Sunday.

Justin Harper added 18 points as the third-seeded Spiders (27-7) won their seventh-straight game and earned consecutive NCAA tournament berths for the second time in school history.

It also gave them a feeling much different than what they felt a year ago, when they lost the title game to Temple in a heartbreaker, giving the Owls their third-straight championship in Atlantic City.

The Spiders brought down the boardwalk empire on Saturday with a 58-54 win over Temple. They all but ended ninth-seeded Dayton's hopes for an NCAA bid. The defending NIT champion Flyers (22-13) probably needed to win the tournament to get in the NCAA field. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"We're certainly heartbroken and devastated, as you can imagine being on the end of that."

— **HARVARD COACH TOMMY AMAKER,** AFTER YALE SUNK A BUZZER-BEATER TO WIN SATURDAY'S IVY LEAGUE PLAYOFF FOR AN NCAA BERTH.

Duke Maintains Hold on ACC Title

Blue Devils dominate Tar Heels to win 19th league championship

Men's College Hoops

Add another Atlantic Coast Conference championship to fifth-ranked Duke's record haul.

Nolan Smith had 20 points and the Blue Devils ended No. 6 North Carolina's run of big comebacks at the ACC tournament, beating the Tar Heels 75-58 in Sunday's championship game.

Kyle Singler added 11 points for the Blue Devils (30-4), who led the entire way for a record 19th tournament title. In the first meeting between the fierce rivals in the finals in a decade, second-seeded Duke led by 18 points in the first half and never let the top-seeded Tar Heels (26-7) build any momentum for a third-straight tournament escape.

North Carolina had rallied from 19 down in the final 10 minutes to beat Miami on a last-play layup in the quarterfinals, then rallied from 14 down to force overtime and beat Clemson in the semifinals. This time, however, the Tar Heels got no closer than nine after halftime.

Smith was named tournament MVP after overcoming a jammed toe in the quarterfinals against Maryland and finishing with 10 assists, while Singler had a better showing after struggling mightily against the Tar Heels in the two regular-season meetings. But on Sunday, the supporting cast backed up Duke's senior stars in a way it had failed to do in last week's loss to the Tar Heels that gave North Carolina the ACC regular-season title outright. **AARON BEARD (AP)**

TV Lineup

WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN) The Wizards host Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN) The women's NCAA Tournament selection show.

PRO BASKETBALL (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., ESPN) The Miami Heat tries to avenge a blowout loss against the San Antonio Spurs, and the Los Angeles Lakers battle the Orlando Heat.

PRO HOCKEY (8 P.M., VERSUS) The Chicago Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks face off.

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13 Princeton (25-6)
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11 Marquette (20-14)
3 Syracuse (26-7)
14 Indiana State (20-13)
7 Washington (23-10)
10 Georgia (21-11)
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15 LIU (27-5)

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west

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San Diego State (32-2) 2
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First-Round Games March 16

16a UNC-Asheville (19-13)
16b Arkansas-LR (19-16)

12a UAB (22-8)
12b Clemson (21-11)

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3 SOUTHEAST

4 SOUTHWEST

NATIONAL CHAMPION

First-Round Games March 15

11a Southern Cal (19-14)
11b VCU (23-11)

16a Texas-SA (19-13)
16b Alabama State (17-17)

1 Pittsburgh (27-5)
16 UNC-Asheville/Ark. LR
8 Butler (23-9)
9 Old Dominion (27-6)

Kansas (32-2) 1
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From left, founders Winston Bao Lord, Reg Stettinius and Sam von Pollaro show off their new mobile app, Venga, which aggregates deals at bars and restaurants.

Making Money in The Age Of Mobiles

Tech-savvy entrepreneurs create a wave of new apps

New Ventures

In the evolution of communication technology, humans have returned to tablets — they're just no longer made of stone. The expanding use of handheld devices is giving rise to a new class of mobile entrepreneurs who are seeking to shake up business models much as their dot-com counterparts have done for the past two decades. Among those going mobile are five local start-ups.

The challenges their fledging businesses face are similar to those of the early pioneers of the Internet. Wireless carriers are just unrolling infrastructure that can support heavy data use. And while smartphones capture a larger share of the mobile phone market each quarter, they're not yet the majority.

New struggles have also emerged. Entrepreneurs must contend with the plethora of devices, since no single operating platform — such as iPhone, Android or BlackBerry — dominates the market. The cost of creating an application is also low enough that thousands of competitors have flooded the emerg-

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ing market.

Nevertheless, these entrepreneurs are pushing forward with products in hand and ambition in mind.

EVENT TICKETS

Jason Bond Pratt and Philippe Chetrit distribute thousands of tickets each year through their day jobs. Pratt works for blog and event planning website Brightest Young Things, and Chetrit directs the D.C.-based business incubator Affinity Lab.

But the duo have an idea that might rattle even their own businesses. Tixelated, an app still in its infancy, seeks to change the way people buy tickets, invite friends to events and keep track of them once there. Put simply: "We want to make the phone the ticket," Pratt said.

Tixelated permits a user to buy a ticket simply by scanning a QR code — similar to the bar codes on store merchandise — from a poster or flier for the event. The ticket holder can then give or resell the ticket to a friend and keep track of others who plan to attend, all within the application.

Though the application is under construction, the District-based pair already have clients to use it — themselves. They'll also target events planned by and for college students because that market adapts more easily to new technology, Pratt said.

RELATIONSHIPS

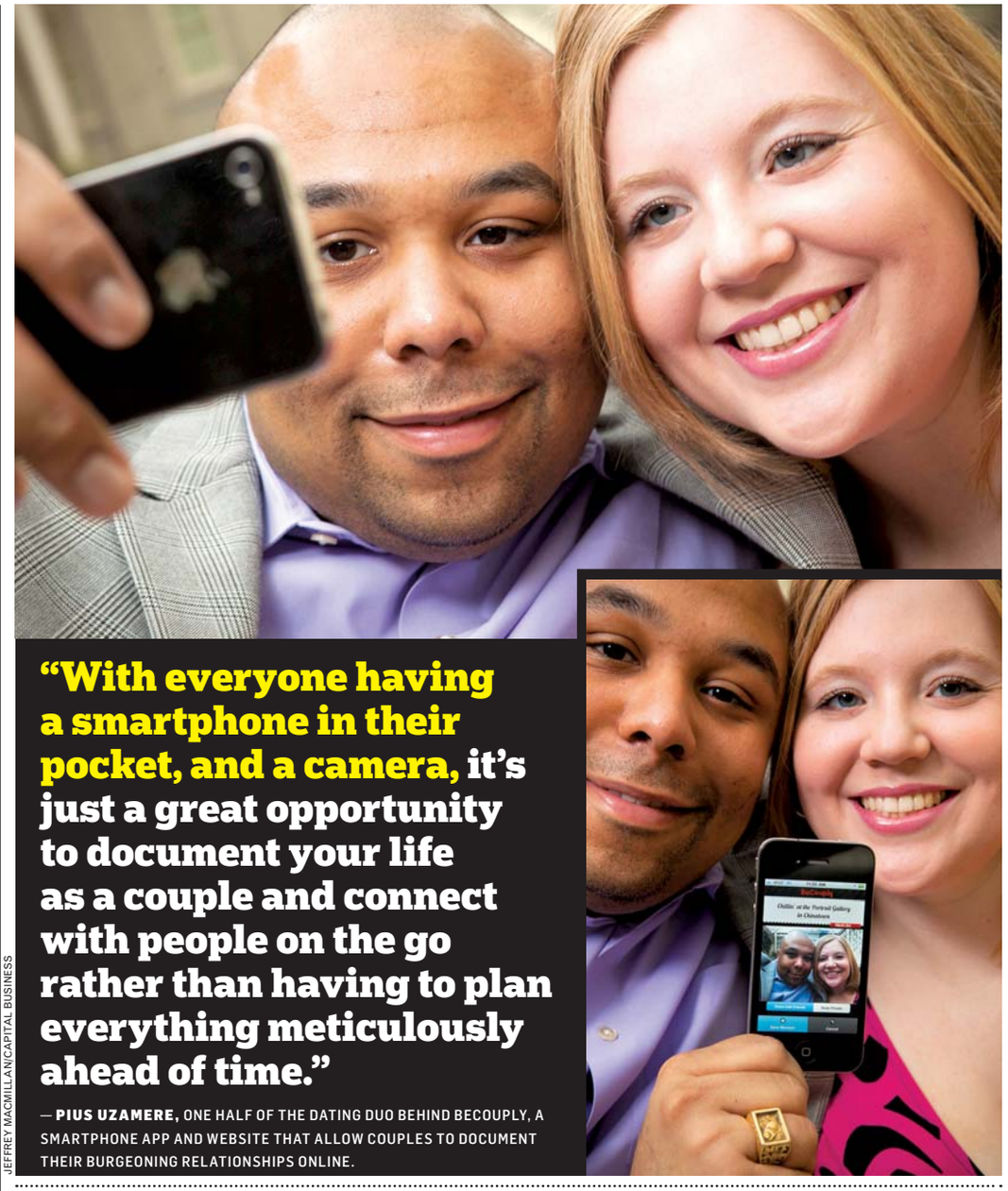
Becky Cruze may have walked past Pius Uzamere on the streets of their shared Adams Morgan neighborhood dozens of times before their profiles crossed online through the singles website OkCupid.

But even as the couple's real-life romance burgeoned, they found no online outlet to effectively chronicle their relationship. That's the impetus behind BeCouply, their joint venture that blends the traditions of courtship with mobile technology.

The smartphone app and its companion website, which are still being privately tested, allow couples to capture memories with photos, orchestrate double dates or corral outing ideas from others in the same area — all in the moment.

"With everyone having a smartphone in their pocket, and a camera, it's just a great opportunity to document your life as a couple and connect with people on the go rather than having to plan everything meticulously ahead of time," Uzamere said.

They hope to make money through digital deals tailored to couples or by promoting companies' date offerings, but those revenue streams also rely on a critical mass of users they'll have to rally.



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"With everyone having a smartphone in their pocket, and a camera, it's just a great opportunity to document your life as a couple and connect with people on the go rather than having to plan everything meticulously ahead of time."

— **PIUS UZAMERE,** ONE HALF OF THE DATING DUO BEHIND BECOUPLY, A SMARTPHONE APP AND WEBSITE THAT ALLOW COUPLES TO DOCUMENT THEIR BURGEONING RELATIONSHIPS ONLINE.

GROCERY SHOPPING

Behold the grocery list, a fixture in every household. But for its ubiquity, Jeremy Monat of District-based White Glove Apps thought it should have more value. That's when work on iSpeedShop began.

"There are everyday tasks that we have to do, and we now have computers in our pocket, [so] why aren't they helping us do these mundane things? That's kind of the genesis of the idea," Monat said.

Shoppers use the application to build a list of items they intend to buy. The app then uploads any coupons that the store or a particular brand has to offer.

The application also uses the geolocation feature built into most smartphones to reveal any specials available at a specific store while the customer is within its walls.

"What we're thinking of now is we would partner with the retailers and customize the app for them, and charge them some amount for that, and then get some of the coupon revenue through those partnerships," Monat said.

PAPERWORK

From the plumber's receipt to the membership form at a health club, James Quigley sees a lot of unnecessary paper. He launched Canvas in late 2008 as a way for businesses to replace paperwork and eliminate data entry with mobile apps.

"We saw a number of very analog tasks that were still left around that needed to be digitized," he said. "Companies who are buying mobile devices in bulk now are wanting to get more out of those devices, so that's absolutely what our whole vision was."

Indeed, the Reston, Va.-based company has its own application store that contains blank forms that might be used in industries as varied as hospitality, education, utilities and government.

Today, Canvas counts about 1,000 paid users, Quigley said, a number that continues to climb month over month. Many customers are companies that use the forms internally. But a nascent use that the firm continues to develop is for the surveys or evaluations that retailers, restaurants and others can send to customers via mobile phones.

HAPPY HOUR

The sidewalks of the city's popular bar districts are littered with folding signs that boast happy hour specials, dishes of the day and live music offerings. Venga fits them all in a user's pocket.

The brainchild of co-founders Reg Stettinius, Sam von Pollaro and Winston Bao Lord, the application serves as a marketing tool for local establishments that pay a monthly fee to keep users abreast of daily happenings.

Derived from the Spanish verb meaning "come," Venga will launch in April pending Apple's approval, and the trio have partnered with the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington to tap its 700 members as prospective clients.

Stettinius said District-based Venga was conceived as a mobile app so consumers can view specials and events while on the go. Regulars can also maintain a list of their go-to haunts and swap recommendations with friends.

"The information is all there at their fingertips the moment they are making a decision of where to go," Stettinius said. STEVEN OVERLY (CAPITAL BUSINESS)

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Side Jobs

Ade Afawehinmi begins his job as an auditor with the financial firm Williams, Adley and Company at 7 a.m., sitting comfortably behind a computer and a pair of wire-frame glasses. But at 4 p.m., he transforms into an ass-kicker.

Afawehinmi removes his glasses, dons a gi (karate uniform) and begins an evening of teaching taekwondo and muay thai (kick-boxing) at Black Belt Martial Arts Center (BBMAC) in Kensington, Md.

Many people spend their youth training for a black belt in a particular martial art, but as adults, these human weapons sit behind desks, pecking away at a keyboard while secretly wanting to punch their paychecks into the next tax bracket.

For those who still have the ability to perform a kick or apply a choke, though, teaching martial arts is a good way to pocket extra cash.

Afawehinmi's epic work schedule seems daunting, but the 41-year-old fourth-degree taekwondo black belt says his evening job is "a hobby I get paid for." Plus, he says, the time flies. "You're constantly moving. You're constantly talking to different people, the classes go back to back to back, and you're not even aware of the time."

Joshua Peters also works long days as a teacher at the Ridge School of Anne Arundel County. The Silver Spring resident teaches from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., goes home for few hours and then heads out to King Tiger Martial Arts in Silver Spring, where he rents space to run his mixed-martial-arts school, Capital Punishment MMA (CPMMA).

A second-degree black belt in taekwondo, an instructor in Vietnamese kung fu and a purple belt in jiujitsu (grappling), Peters says he teaches "with an integrated approach. The general concept of everything is geared toward mixed-martial-arts fighting and self-defense fighting."

CPMMA started officially six years ago and now has 15 students — and that backup income helped when Peters was unemployed a few years ago. "But I've always believed," he says, "especially at that point, that I could do both [jobs] full time."

Silver Spring's Greg Knoop takes a more relaxed approach to his martial arts schedule. A co-owner of Oudens Knoop Knoop + Sachs Architects, he started Neighborhood Traditional Taekwondo after being approached by several friends and neighbors. Knoop rents space at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Silver Spring and teaches taekwondo three days a week at the low rate of $45 a month. (Many schools can cost between $100 and $170 a month.)

There are drawbacks to running everything yourself, from back-end work to up-front costs. "If I want to make money doing this, I guess I'm doing it the wrong way — the rents of churches are not cheap," Knoop says. "It's more just doing it for the fun of it."

Afawehinmi says it's usually easier to affiliate with an established school because "it will give you a better perspective on how to set it up, because most of the time people who do that [on their own], it doesn't last for too long, because there's no structure; it's not organized. Most of the money you're charging is going to the rental."

The way you start teaching "depends on the resources you have available, your time schedule and what you can manage," says Peters, who doesn't pay a ton in rent for his well-kept space. On the reverse side, the times he gets the space aren't optimal. The best time to teach martial arts is between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. (CPMMA's weekday schedule starts at 8:45 p.m.)

"Starting out, it's best to have as little overhead as possible," Peters says, "but very quickly you'll figure out it's very hard to expand past a certain point unless you have those optimum time slots available to you."

In other words, don't quit your day job with a flying round kick to your boss' head.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

Ade Afawehinmi gets paid to teach taekwondo and muay thai (kick-boxing) to children and adults in the evening hours. The professional auditor says his gig on the side is simply a hobby he's lucky enough to be paid for.

JASON HORNICK

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"You're constantly moving. You're constantly talking to different people, the classes go back to back and you're not even aware of the time."

— **ADE AFAWEHINMI,** TAEKWONDO AND MUAY THAI (KICK-BOXING) MASTER AT BLACK BELT MARTIAL ARTS CENTER IN KENSINGTON, MD.

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Katy Cilinski, a spinal manipulative therapist for horses, uses a high-velocity (short, quick) motion to snap a joint back into place.

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Steal This Job

Katy Cilinski, 35

JOB: Spinal manipulative therapist and acupuncturist for horses

SALARY: The average starting salary for equine veterinarians was $41,636 in 2008, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

WHAT SHE DOES: When a steed loses some of its horsepower, Cilinski, a veterinarian, comes in to evaluate the situation. She begins with a routine exam, paying special attention to the horse's joints, starting with the limbs.

"I assess the way he moves, looking for maybe decreased range of motion of joints or any lameness problems, any stiffness," she says, which could signify a misalignment of the joints. "Then I can make adjustments and help to put those misalignments back where they belong."

During the treatment, akin to a chiropractic procedure on humans, the horse is awake and upright. Cilinski stands on a stool or hay bales so that she can push down on the animal's spine.

"When I make the adjustment, it's just a short, quick — we call it a high-velocity — motion in the correct direction of that joint to help to put it back into place," says Cilinski, who works at Haymarket Vet Service in Haymarket, Va. (Haymarketvet.com).

> **"The interactions with the horses and riders every day is the most rewarding thing, knowing that I can make a difference in the horses' lives."**

The process is similar for acupuncture, but instead of adjusting the vertebrae, she inserts needles into specific points on the horse.

"The points are distributed all along the horse and located along meridians, which are basically energy channels," Cilinski says. "We choose points depending on the problem we're treating, whether it be pain or immune stimulation. We really can treat a variety of things with acupuncture."

WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB? A love for horses is an obvious requirement. "I grew up riding," she says. "The interactions with the horses and riders every day is the most rewarding thing, knowing that I can make a difference in the horses' lives."

That's what she reminds herself of when she faces long, unpredictable hours. "With emergencies, you just never know when the day is going to be finished" — or the night, during the four times she's on call each month — Cilinski says.

HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB: Cilinski graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 2001. She became certified in acupuncture in 2005 by Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians in Colorado (Colovma.com), and completed 226 hours of chiropractic training at the Healing Oasis Wellness Center (Thehealingoasis.com) in Wisconsin.

HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB: Only licensed vets can perform acupuncture and spinal manipulative therapy on horses. To learn more about veterinary medicine, check out the AVMA (Avma.org). For info on equine care, contact the American Association of Equine Practitioners (Aaep.org).

ALREADY A VET? The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (Animalchiropractic.org) and Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic (Animalchiro.com) offer chiropractic certification. Acupuncture licenses are available through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (Ivas.org). STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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Developing a Fowl Habit

An offbeat class teaches suburbanites the basics of caring for chickens in a backyard

Hobbies

crash course

Growing up on a farm, Elizabeth Elliott loved waking up to fresh eggs every day. For the past five years, she's been replicating that childhood joy by raising hens in her suburban Pasadena, Md., backyard. She's become such an expert on eggs that she can tell whether they're store-bought just by looking at them. "The yolk in a natural, home-raised egg is much brighter and oranger," she says. "Plus, the whites are firmer and less runny." Elliot parlayed this talent into an instructional course.

Her class, "Sustainable Living: Raising Chickens at Home," which she has been teaching at Anne Arundel Community College for two years now, helps aspiring farmers start their days sunny-side up, too. Any suburban homesteader or urbanite lucky enough to have a patch of yard can take a crack at harvesting his or her own eggs — or just play mother hen to a brood of man's clucking best friend.

PHOTOS BY KRISTRIPPLA AR

Elizabeth Elliot parlayed her familiarity with fowl into a job teaching suburbanites (and urbanites lucky enough to have a backyard) how to raise chickens.

"The yolk in a natural, home-raised egg is much brighter and oranger. Plus, the whites are firmer and less runny."

— **ELIZABETH ELLIOT,** TEACHER OF "SUSTAINABLE LIVING: RAISING CHICKENS AT HOME" AT ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THE BASICS: The three-hour course accommodates up to 25 students, who need neither farming experience nor chickens in order to enroll. After introducing students to some of her own poultry — a Japanese bantam rooster named Beau and a white Silkie named Pearl are frequent visitors — Elliott starts with the basics of how to build a backyard coop. She provides blueprints for several different henhouse configurations that can accommodate just one chicken or up to 10. "There are space requirements," she says. "You want good ventilation and plenty of room, so they don't get bored and start pecking each other."

In her class, Elizabeth Elliot provides plans for several chicken coop configurations that can accommodate from one to 10 birds.

Making sure both the fowls' home and your backyard are predator-proof is a necessity. "Even in a suburban area, foxes, coyotes, hawks and owls can be a problem," Elliott says.

Students get a hands-on tutorial with the other equipment required — a feeder, a water dispenser and a heat lamp. "It's so they know what to look for when they go shopping," Elliott says. "And so they know how everything works."

The next step is to determine which breed students should obtain and where to buy them. "We look at the purpose," Elliott says. "People may be looking for eggs or a pet, or they may want to help bring back a heritage breed that may be endangered." If you want eggs every day, Elliott recommends Rhode Island Red or Brahma hens. She also

notes that hens lay eggs whether or not a rooster is in the picture, so prospective buyers don't need to worry about being woken up by crowing.

Bird care is the final component of the class; students learn the basics of identifying diseases and pests. Though these problems are less likely to develop in a backyard than they are on a farm, students are taught to keep an eye out for the darkening of the light-colored feathers or the scabbing of the skin, which could indicate a parasitic mite infestation.

WHAT'S NEXT: Before you spend any money, there's an important first step to take. "You have to check the zoning regulations," warns Elliott. "You don't want to make the investment and then find out you have illegal hens." She gives students handouts detailing the laws but also recommends prospective farmers call their local authorities to double-check them, since they do change frequently.

Building a coop, buying all the equipment and procuring chickens will cost between $100 and $1,000. The wide range of start-up fees is because newbies can choose to purchase pre-fabricated coops outfitted with new equipment, or they can make the coop themselves with salvaged materials and install secondhand gear — obtained on websites such as Craigslist or eBay. The chickens themselves cost $10 each or more.

Within a week of leaving the class, a first-time farmer can walk into his or her backyard, gather eggs and make an omelet. "That's if you buy matured chickens that are already laying," Elliott explains. If students decide to start with day-old chicks, which Elliott recommends, then fresh eggs are six to seven months away. "It's actually very easy to raise chicks," she says. "But there are certain things that they need, such as heat and special food."

If any problems come up along the way, Elliott is happy to make house calls to help out. "People who raise chickens become part of a community," she says. "And we're there for each other."

THE DEAL: The next "Sustainable Living: Raising Chickens at Home" class ($41) is April 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Anne Arundel Community College (101 College Parkway, Arnold, Md; 410-777-2222, Aacc.edu).

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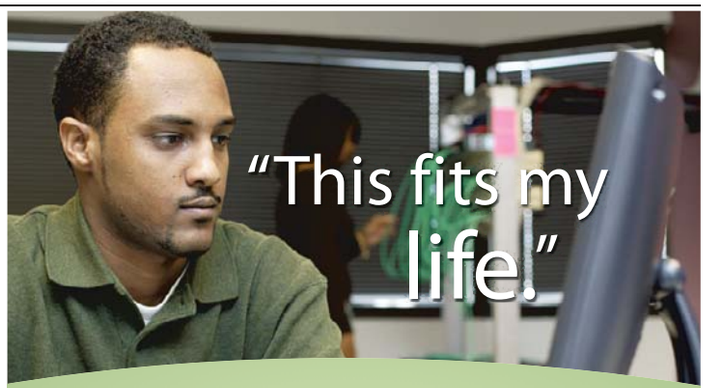

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Daniel Seddiqui, who majored in economics, never expected he'd add photographer, park ranger or marine biologist to his resume.

The Jobless State

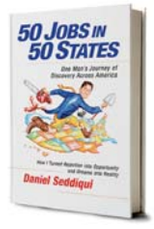
A college grad worked his way across the country to learn why he couldn't get a gig

Q&A

When Daniel Seddiqui graduated from the University of Southern California in 2005 with a degree in economics, he never dreamed he'd have difficulty finding a job. But after three years and more than 40 rejections, he still wasn't gainfully employed. That's when he took matters into his own hands, setting off on a yearlong, cross-country voyage to learn more about American culture and the skills needed for a successful career. He shares details about his weeklong work experiences in "50 Jobs in 50 States: One Man's Journey of Discovery Across America" ($15.95, Berrett-Koehler Publishers).

What was your post-college job-hunting experience like?

I felt like it was just the norm to graduate and get at least an entry-level job, and then buy a house and meet your wife. But none of that happened for me. I was pursuing positions in economics, accounting and investment banking. And I ended up tutoring elementary-school kids for $10 an hour. I thought, "Wow, I have a degree from USC and it's come to this?" I had to be adaptable and come up with other solutions, like volunteering. I was using all of my savings, and I had to even beg my parents for some help. I was wondering where I was going to fit into society.



How did you come up with your plan?

I really had nothing to lose when I came up with this idea. I lived in five states in a three-year period and experienced culture shock everywhere I went. I felt like I had been living in a bubble in California. I was being exposed to different cultures and people, and that really made me curious about what not just me but everyone could learn from this experience. Curiosity is really what compelled me to do this.

Your goal was to find jobs that reflected the culture of each state. How difficult was that?

It made it easier in terms of narrowing down what I wanted to do and really focusing on that. But it made it more difficult because I was really limiting myself. For Nevada, I wanted to work as a hotel manager on the Strip, and everyone either rejected me or never got back to me. So I had to find an alternative; I worked at a wedding chapel. I always had a plan B. It would have been easy to find a job at Taco Bell in every state. But I chose [this approach] because I thought it would be the best way to understand our country and what really shaped it.

You held a lot of interesting positions — peanut sheller in Georgia, roustabout in Oklahoma.

I wouldn't have seen myself doing 90 percent of these jobs. It was just surreal to be walking on stilts in an amusement park in Florida, wearing makeup and an Egyptian costume. When would I ever in my life have had a chance to do this? Going miles underground in a coal mine in West Virginia, working on a border patrol in Arizona — there were all these outdoor jobs I would have never thought of doing. I would have chosen a different major if I had done this before I went to college.

Which jobs did you enjoy least?

I did not like being a park ranger in Wyoming. It was so lonely and felt like it was a really soli-

tary career. Marine biology wasn't what I expected — it was more fundraising and making people aware of what's wrong and what's being destroyed instead of going out and scuba diving. But I never backed down from anything. I knew that this is what some people do for a living; I could do it for a week.

What did you learn from all of this?

I know that it's cliché to say, but if you want to do something, you can do it, no matter what kinds of obstacles are thrown your way. I had every single kind of obstacle thrown my way, from being rejected all the time to nobody believing in me. But if you're your own best friend and you have that internal drive, nothing can stop you.

Had you been doing anything wrong during your years of job hunting, or were you just the victim of bad timing?

I can't blame the economy at all. I do believe to this day that everyone chooses their own destiny. I was just like everyone else sitting on the computer and looking online rather than putting myself out there and building a network. I think the worst thing to do is to send resumes blindly. Yes, I got a lot of interviews, but I never got my break.

"I think the worst thing to do is send resumes blindly. ... I never got my break."

How did your odyssey impact your career?

There are several avenues I've been thinking about taking. One is creating a college semester program [based on my experience]. Why go to college and invest all that time and money if you don't really know what you want to do? I think it would be best if kids got exposure to different careers to help them decide what they want to do long term. I'm also considering becoming a dietician, which was one of my favorite jobs I did.

What advice would you give to recent college grads who are on the job hunt themselves?

Don't limit yourself. Not everyone is going to be entitled to a job. Just because you got this degree doesn't mean you're going to get the job you're yearning for. You've got to be adaptable. It's harder than you think to get what you want, especially nowadays. It takes perseverance, networking, risk-taking and endurance. My book isn't a how-to book, but it shows people what it took for me to create opportunity.

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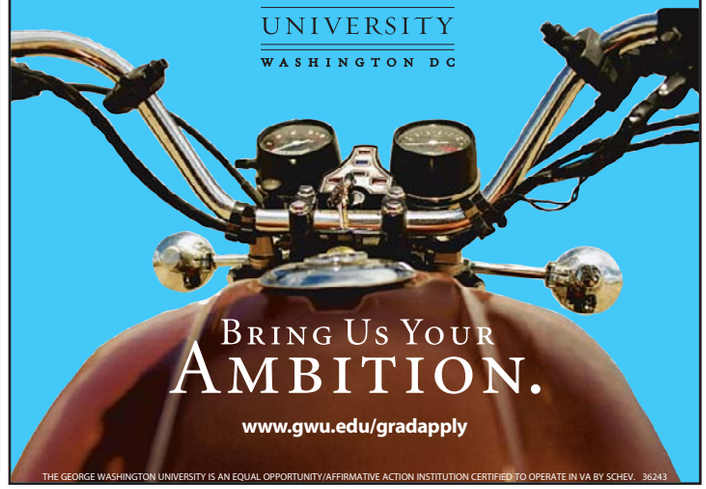

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An Actor Takes a Dramatic Turn

Allen Brooks exited the stage for a job in computer animation

Transitions

In another life, Allen Brooks might be appearing on a local stage or educating area children. Instead, these days he's appearing on computers and helping teach children across the country and around the world.

At Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va., the Alexandria native got a bachelor's degree in theater performance in 2004. After a few acting gigs, he began teaching theater at a Springfield, Va., high school. His classes were electives, so students chose to be there — and producing shows was creative and exciting.

KRIS TRIPPLAAR

Allen Brooks works as an interactive content producer for ArtsEdge.

A few years in, though, he wanted to try something new. Seeing the growth of animation in games and movies, he realized that such work could be "acting with a source other than myself." In 2007, after his wife found an ad for the Boston University Center for Digital Imaging Arts' certificate in 3D Animation and Interactive Media, they went to an open house, and he started the program in 2008.

change artist

With classes in Georgetown's former Foundry Theater (1055 Thomas Jefferson St. NW; 202-625-1110, Cdiabu.com), the CDIA teaches students to be 3-D generalists, says Liz Hollerman, program director for 3-D animation and game art. It exposes them to modeling, lighting, texturing, rigging, rendering, compositing, animating and more, so they can see what they want to pursue in a very specialized industry.

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The Tip List

Advice for would-be animators:

- **Consider the field:** Competition for full-time work is fierce, Novick says. And while freelancing is exciting, Brooks asks, "Can you handle spending half your time looking for your next job?"
- **Consider your personality:** Enjoying "Halo" isn't enough. "You have to wonder how it works," Brooks says.
- **Consider what grabs your interest:** "[Acting is] not all I ever wanted to do," Brooks says. "I wanted to be creative, and I can do that now as well as before."

director of career services. Related experience helps boost starting salaries, which range from the mid-$30,000s to the mid-$60,000s. Graduates get jobs with production and gaming companies, nonprofits, governments and contractors. Government jobs tend to pay higher than private studios, he says.

Finishing in early 2009, at the height of the recession, Brooks built his portfolio with freelance commercials and videos for Bethesda's Get Well Network, the U.S. Army and elsewhere. Last June, he became an interactive content producer for ArtsEdge (Artsedge.kennedy-center.org), the Kennedy Center's national arts education website. It includes 200 lesson plans for schools and activities for families.

Brooks, now 28, coordinates 3-D animation, produces video, writes articles and develops lesson plans. He's thrilled at how the job draws on skills from school, all his previous jobs and on "everything I'm passionate about: having an impact on educators and students. Theater and film. Creativity in 3-D. Learning something every day."

Though he has no plans to go elsewhere, the possibilities with his degree seem endless — including art installations, video games and video or film production. Even TV and film that don't seem to include animation are made digitally or at least tweaked by an animator. "Digital design is in everything," Brooks says. ELLEN RYAN

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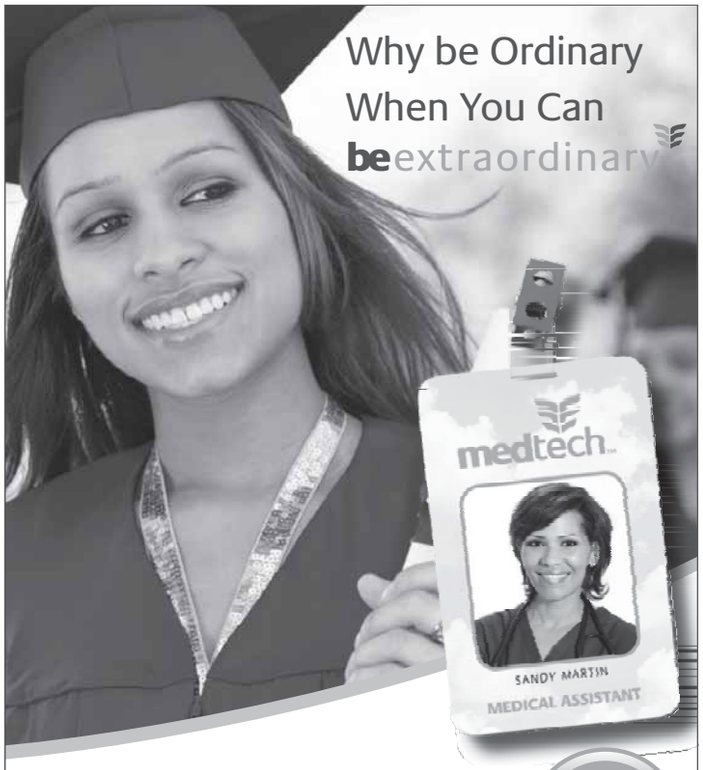

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Booze Clues

Seeing Green

Before I tell you where the drinks are on St. Patrick's Day, I'm going to lay down some etiquette, since it's often sorely lacking at 4:30 p.m. on March 17. Don't ask anyone to kiss you because you're Irish, and don't pinch anyone you don't know. Do NOT pretend to be a member of the Kennedy clan, and don't harass red-haired people. Also, wear closed-toed shoes to protect yourself from stumbling inebriated people. Got it? Excellent. Now: beer.

By Fiona Zublin

Againn (1099 New York Ave. NW) starts the party early this Thursday — it opens at 11:30 a.m., and happy hour goes all day. A $5 cover goes into effect at 4 p.m. Irish beers and shots of whiskey will be selling for $5 to $6, and Irish food will be available, too. This is very important: Eat at roughly the same rate you consume drinks, so that you won't have to explain to your co-worker that you showed up to work at 1 p.m. on Friday because you "couldn't find your keys."

Eamonn's (728 King St., Alexandria) is a lower-key scene, with beer cocktails from bartender Clinton Terry and the restaurant's usual fried fare — yes, the fried candy bar is exactly what you're imagining, and, yes, you should probably try it.

Does low-key sound wrong for St. Patrick's Day? Fine, you asked for it. Rumors (1900 M St. NW) is hosting Shamrocks and Shenanigans, which includes a jig contest, beads (left from Mardi Gras?), drink specials all night, a $5 cover (which will probably increase as the night goes on) and a roving bagpiper.

@ Comments? Give Fiona your feedback: **expressnightout.com/boozeclues**

Total Recall

In 'Moonwalking With Einstein,' Joshua Foer reveals the secrets of memory champions

Books

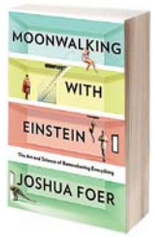
The 2006 U.S. Memory Championships may have been held in New York, but the National Gallery of Art, Camden Yards and the "Candy Cane City" playground in Chevy Chase also factored into the competition. They're all locations that winner Joshua Foer, then 23, pictured to help himself quickly recall scores of random numbers, words and images.

The Washington-raised journalist shares how he achieved his esoteric title — which included setting a record time of one minute and 40 seconds for memorizing a pack of playing cards — in his book, "Moonwalking With Einstein" ($27, Penguin Press). He also reviews some of history's most extreme cases of mental ability and disability, such as individuals with amnesia and the perceptual disorder synesthesia. And he offers a shocking revelation: Most "mental athletes" possess very ordinary brains.

"I figured these people had to be basically freaks of nature, but they said ... 'Anybody can learn to do it.'"

EMIL SALMAN HAARETZ

Joshua Foer no longer competes, but he'll haul out his skills for grocery shopping.



"I figured these people had to be basically freaks of nature, but when I talked to them, they said, 'No, we have normal, average memories, and we train these average memories to perform extraordinary feats. Anybody can learn how to do it,'" Foer says. "I felt compelled to take them up on it and see if it was really true."

For nearly a year, Foer (whose older brothers are writers Franklin Foer and Jonathan Safran Foer) trained with experts in memory retention. He spent between 15 and 30 minutes per day, a few days per week, practicing mnemonic techniques.

One method, the "person-action-object" system, involves imagining scenes that are so "colorful, strange, bizarre, lewd and unusual" that they're unforgettable, then associating them with numbers. For example, Foer remembered the three of clubs, seven of diamonds and the jack of spades during competition by visualizing the Incredible Hulk (three of clubs) riding a stationary bike (seven of diamonds) while wearing heavy earrings (jack of spades). It's weird, but it worked.

So, what's the craziest image Foer has ever conjured up in the name of memorization? "I guarantee you it would be unprintable in the Washington Post Express."

Foer reserves his mnemonic shortcuts for special occasions. "When I go to the supermarket, now and then I'll decide, 'I'm not going to write down my shopping list; I'm actually going to remember it.'" Cue the visions of the Incredible Hulk. **KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)**

● *Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; Mon., 7 p.m., $10; 202-364-1919, Sixthandi.org. (Gallery Place)*

Follow-Up

Out of Shape

Even though Foer was the nation's memory champ for a year, he hasn't competed since 2006 and has no plans to do so in the future. And he's "still a pretty forgetful person." To retain knowledge, Foer turns to modern-day gadgets, just like the rest of us do. Computers, iPods and digital cameras have made information much easier to retain, even though "the memories that are the root of who we are probably can't be outsourced," he says. **K.A.**

Weekend Box Office

Battle: Los Angeles	$13.5M
Rango	$5.4M
Red Riding Hood	$5M
The Adjustment Bureau	$3.4M
Mars Needs Moms	$1.7M
Beastly	$1.7M
Hall Pass	$1.5M
Just Go With It	$1.2M
Unknown	$955K
The King's Speech	$950K

COURTESY ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

"Into Eternity," left, visits the world's first permanent storage vault for nuclear waste. "The Pipe," right, follows Rossport, Ireland, residents as they protest an oil pipeline.

An Expanding Oeuvre

D.C.'s Environmental Film Festival goes beyond eco-outrage

Movies

For 19 years, the Environmental Film Festival has demonstrated the breadth of its worldview. Yet moviegoers who haven't been paying close attention may still think the fest is all cuddly cubs and ecological outrages.

In fact, this year's 150-film lineup, which begins Tuesday, encompasses dramas and comedies, studies of the built environment and at least a few documentaries with dispositions that are more sly than angry.

"Into Eternity"' considers the world's first permanent underground vault for nuclear waste and the long-term dilemma of preventing clueless future earthlings from digging up the toxic trash.

Plastic is another human creation in which longevity has become an issue. "Plastic Planet" justifies its title, locating synthetic polymers everywhere from the Moroccan desert to the director's own bloodstream.

One documentary that offers a full ration of indignation is "The Pipe." It recounts a battle between the residents of Rossport, a small fishing village in western Ireland, and a Shell Oil subsidiary that planned to route a natural-gas pipeline through productive fishing grounds and a local land reserve. Shell had the full support of the Irish government, yet the project's most adamant opponents didn't back down.

'Plastic Planet' justifies its title, locating synthetic polymers everywhere.

Of the fiction entries, perhaps the most notable is "Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives," which took the top prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival. Thai director Apichatpong Weerasethakul's latest movie is about a dying man who decides to spend his final days in the countryside. There he re-encounters lost loved ones, who have become ghosts or other creatures; he also recalls moments from former existences. The pantheistic outlook and jungle setting certainly befit an environmental film showcase.

MARK JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

● *The Environmental Film Festival begins Tuesday and runs through March 27 at 60 area venues. Most screenings are free. For details, visit-Dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org or call 202-342-2564.*

'Smile' Finally To Finish

Music

It's an event that pop music fans have been waiting for since the Summer of Love: Capitol Records is planning to release the Beach Boys' great lost album, "Smile," later this year.

Two longtime Beach Boys associates — engineer Mark Linett and archivist Alan Boyd— are co-producing the release, titled "The Smile Sessions."

Wilson

The project has the support of the band, including Beach Boys mastermind Brian Wilson, who re-created the unfinished album with his own band on 2004's "SMiLE." "I'm thrilled that the Beach Boys' original studio sessions for 'Smile' will be released for the first time, after all these years," he said.

Since "Smile" was never completed, what exactly will be issued? Linett says the goal is to present "the whole piece as close to as it was envisioned, or as is envisioned, as possible ... obviously, with input from Brian and from everybody else." (BILLBOARD.COM)

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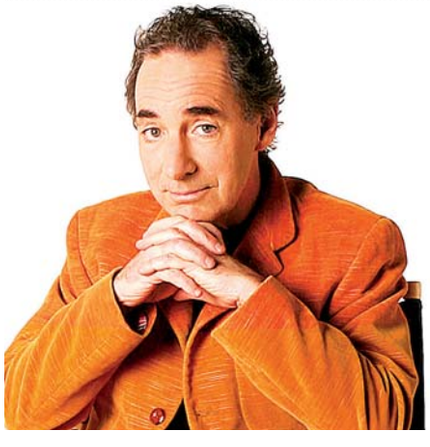

1 Excellent, Smithers

Harry Shearer has a few things to say about the modern media. The filmmaker and voice actor (he's Mr. Burns on "The Simpsons") will talk about the flaws inherent in the 24-hour news cycle. This is a National Press Club lunch, and Shearer is on record as saying the press have a "blindness to accuracy," so expect to see lots of squirming, shame-faced journalists picking at their food. ***National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW; 12:30 p.m., $36; 202-662-7501. (Metro Center)***

2 Break Out The Bubbly!

Chateau Marmont (not the hotel!) plays dance party electronica, and it's made a name on remixes of other pop artists like La Roux. Its music has an effervescence that's unusual for its genre — and the show is sponsored by the French Embassy, so you know it'll be a classy time, filled with men in great-coats and women wearing vintage watches. ***Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; 7 p.m., $10 in advance, $15 at the door; 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)***

3 All Together Now

Meredith Bragg made one album with his band, and another with just his guitar. The former is experimental, loopy and driving; the latter is all acoustic. Now he (And the band! And the guitar!) are on tour, playing a mix of old and new songs. Oh, and Meredith can also be a boy's name. The more you know! ***Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, 9 p.m., $8; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)***

lookout TV tonight

Best Bets

FOX 9:00

The Chicago Code When the son of a powerful couple lands in a drug-induced coma, Superintendent Colvin (Jennifer Beals, left) orders Wysocki and Evers to find the supplier. Their investigation leads them to a club where rich men hook up with attractive young women.

SYFY 9:00

Being Human Aidan is forced to watch as Bernie dies — twice. Sally reconnects with someone from her past. Josh tries to take things to the next level with Nora in "I Want You Back (From the Dead)."

TLC 9:30

Outrageous Kid Parties In this new episode, Christina, a dentist, throws a circus-themed party for 7-year-old Jasmine and 9-year-old Carson. And we're not talking a clown making balloon animals — we're talking animals, acrobats, the works. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

ABC

THE BACHELOR

True Love Times Two

ABC 8:00

"The Bachelor" wraps up its 15th season tonight as Brad looks back at his second chance to find true love with millions of TV viewers looking on, not to mention producers, editors, camera operators and sound guys. Despite all the distractions, he lost his heart this season. Not once, but twice — to Chantal and Emily. After Brad makes his big decision and distributes one last long stem, the drama continues on "After the Final Rose" (10 p.m.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Interview

Lipton-Approved

Bradley Cooper is no stranger to the Actors Studio; he got his master's degree there when it was affiliated with The New School. On "Inside the Actors Studio" (7 p.m., Bravo), he chats with host James Lipton about a career that's spanned stage, film and TV. (TM)

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Georgina Jones, Lucas Suzuki

Georgina, 26, is a policy analyst. Lucas, 26, is a grad student at Harvard Business School. For now, she lives in D.C., and he lives in Cambridge, Mass.

THE MAIN EVENT: On May 29, they'll marry at Georgina's Greek Orthodox church in San Francisco.
HOW THEY MET: While studying abroad in Germany, at the international students orientation. She was from D.C., and he was from Brazil. "We were partners in an icebreaker game that involved putting schnapps bottles in our mouths," Lucas says. "I still have that bottle."
FIRST DATE: Ice cream and a walk through the town of Tübingen, Germany.
FIRST KISS: A good-night kiss on her doorstep, after they visited Neuschwanstein Castle. "Before that, I had been hesitant to let him kiss me, but he won me over after picking me wildflowers in the Alps."
HOW HE PROPOSED: Back in D.C., he popped the question at the Tidal Basin during cherry blossom season.
PET NAMES: Anything ending in "bear:" "Lukiebear, Gigibear, Snugglebear."
WHEN SHE KNEW: When he left Brazil for her.

"I HAD BEEN HESITANT TO LET HIM KISS ME, BUT HE WON ME OVER AFTER PICKING ME WILDFLOWERS IN THE ALPS." GEORGINA JONES

Anne Kite, Mike Stone

Anne, 26, and Mike, 27, are both attorneys. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: They will exchange vows during a formal Catholic Mass in an Arlington church on April 2.
HOW THEY MET: While working on American University's Law Revue musical. He was the music director, and she was the choreographer.
FIRST IMPRESSIONS: He liked her "strut and air of confidence." She remembers seeing him not at his best: he had "a giant rash that covered most of his torso" that cleared up soon after.
FIRST DATE: On Valentine's Day, the Law Revue cast and crew were supposed to meet at Rumors to hang out. "Nobody else showed up, and it was only us," Mike says. "I think they planned it that way."
HOW HE PROPOSED: At their apartment. He sent their two dogs out one at a time carrying notes, then dropped to one knee.
MOST-HATED CLOTHING ITEM: His five-sizes-too-big, threadbare blue sweatpants; her mukluks, which "look ridiculous, especially when you add the balls on a string."
FAMILY TRADITIONS: The German "dollar dance," in which guests pay $1 to dance with the bride or groom.

James Moffett, Amanda Watts

James, 27, and Amanda, 28, both work for the federal government. They live in Falls Church.

THE MAIN EVENT: Come April 9, they'll be tying the knot in Rockton, Ill., at Amanda's grandmother's church.
HOW THEY MET: At a friend's house party in Charlottesville, Va. Amanda was living in Chicago at the time, but he called her later anyway — and even came to visit her in Chicago a few months later.
FIRST DATE: Wandering around Chicago. "We were both starving and freezing, so we stopped into a Potbelly's. Ever since then, we celebrate our anniversary with Potbelly's sandwiches and milk shakes," Amanda says.
FIRST KISS: "She attacked me with a kiss as soon as we were alone in our hotel room. Definitely surprised me, but it was a great way to break the ice."
HOW HE PROPOSED: At the Jefferson Memorial, surrounded by cherry blossoms.
STUPIDEST FIGHT: How to cook macaroni and cheese.
PET NAMES: She's "Chinchilla," and he's "Goof."
WHEN HE KNEW: "I knew she was the one the day I figured out she was cheaper than I was."
WITH INFINITE FUNDS: James would serve Chick-fil-A chicken biscuit sandwiches as a late-night snack at the reception.

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"Rep. King's hearings are about as necessary as Sen. McCarthy's were in the '50s. Rep. King could better serve his country by cleaning up the financial mess his party created in the last administration."

COMMENTER CHIP SANDAGE

"If King wanted to hold hearings to explore the threat of terrorism inside our boarders, fine. But to suggest that Muslims are the sole purveyors of the threat is both myopic and xenophobic."

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC

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"It's good to see that these two can act like mature adults and made a decision that was healthy for both of them. But can Justin ever make it past the four-year mark?"

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"I was really hoping this movie was going to be a home run on its first trailer. Instead, it's [a] foul out in the worst way. Instead of any footage, we get this black haze with smoke; some screams and very blurry images inside the smoke of the world we will see; a bad voice-over guy; and then a good line from Jason Momoa as Conan. ... Entering the world of the barbarian is something I am not looking forward to right now."

—**FUSEDFILM.COM** FOUND THE TEASER TRAILER FOR "CONAN THE BARBARIAN" DISAPPOINTING.

"Usually, horrific bloopers are acknowledged or corrected on air, but his co-anchors didn't so much as snicker. I see nothing to believe this was out of line with either his character or the prevailing culture at CNBC."

—A **GAWKER.COM** COMMENTER WAS OFFENDED BY LARRY KUDLOW'S COMMENTS ON THE NETWORK FRIDAY ABOUT THE TSUNAMI IN JAPAN. KUDLOW, RIGHT, SAID: "THE HUMAN TOLL HERE LOOKS TO BE MUCH WORSE THAN THE ECONOMIC TOLL, AND WE CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT."

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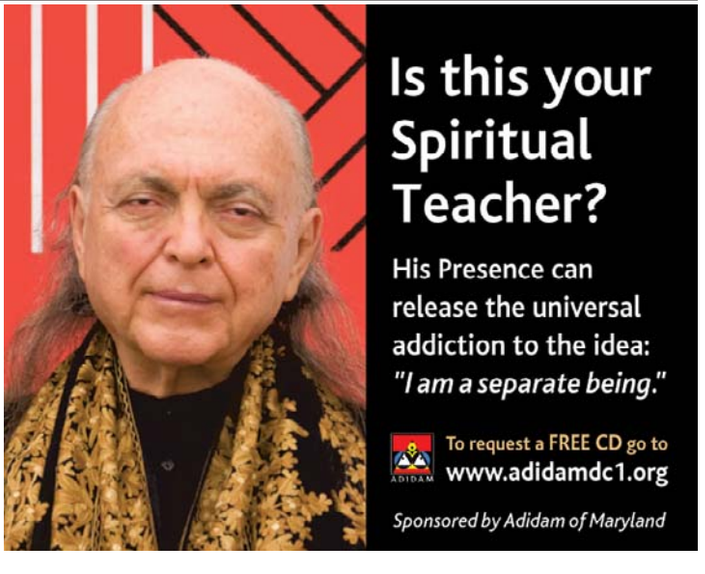

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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are doing something differently, but it is so subtle that even those who know you well aren't sure what it is. Keep on smiling.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're nearing the end of a project that has had you working at odd hours and in ways that you're not used to at all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're likely to attract quite an audience — whether you want to or not. Those around you cannot ignore what you're doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Trying to do something on your own that should be done by more than one person can prove not only frustrating but also downright dangerous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Independence is the be-all and end-all for you — and yet you may have to give up a little of it for a friend in need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The essential is likely to become something you can overlook, and that which is usually overlooked becomes essential — for now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What you are finishing is not everything it's cracked up to be, and that which you have waiting on a back burner is far more important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take advantage of the momentum that has increased dramatically; you can finish something that was perhaps only just started.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Business and pleasure can be successfully combined, but you and a partner must surely be on the same page personally and professionally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You've been considering a change, but someone with whom you have a lot in common has warned against it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A strong beginning leads to a strong finish when the time comes, but you must be sure that you hit all the landmarks along the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's time for you to do something entirely for yourself, whether or not others will approve. They don't have to know about it, after all.

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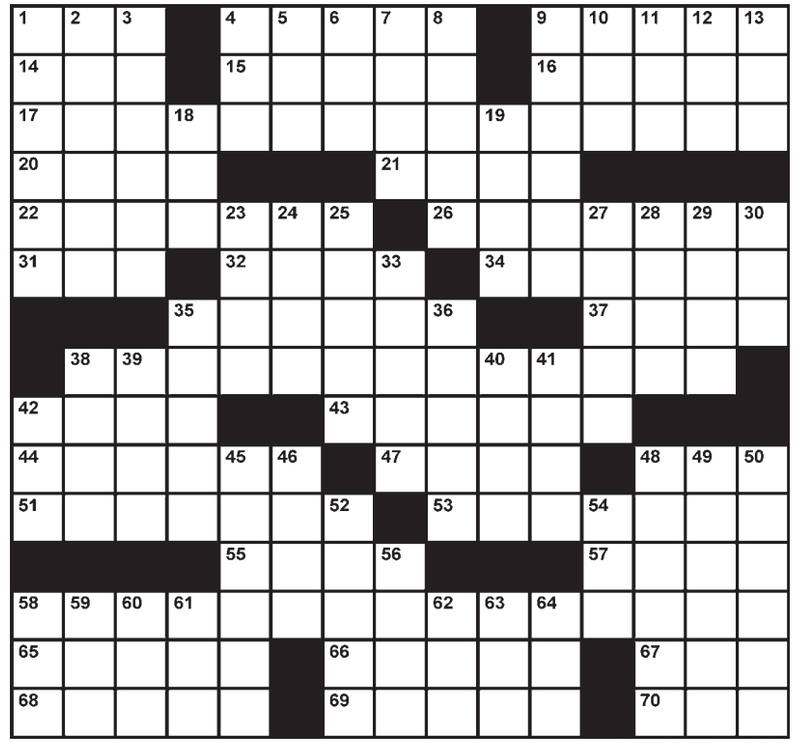

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31 Banned bug killer
32 Butler's counterpart
34 Tear a stripe off
35 Burns slightly
37 Persuade gently
38 Striking feature of some women's footwear
42 Insert for some cameras
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51 Did a double-take
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68 Warship warrant officer
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70 Unrefined find

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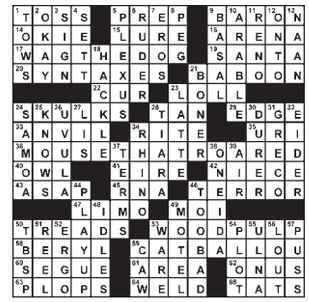
1 Frisked (with "down")
2 Waiting, phone in hand
3 Cracker-requesting bird
4 Apiary insect
5 Captain Morgan's drink
6 Self-proclaimed "greatest" of boxing
7 Gets set?
8 A deadly sin
9 Steal livestock
10 "___ Be Seeing You"
11 School gp.
12 Vessel often on a pedestal
13 Beatnik's abode
18 "I know what you're thinking" ability
19 Chilled, as coffee
23 Middle East leader
24 Sari-clad princess
25 Zodiac dozen
27 Variety-show host
28 Handyman's necessity
29 Dispatcher's concerns
30 M/F determination
33 Rot
35 Poison ivy cousin
36 Bit, as of evidence
38 Monetary penalty
39 Container for a spicy stew
40 Abhor
41 Cast-of-thousands film
42 Chinchilla coat
45 Decide to remain
46 Queen of Olympus
48 Venetian marketplace
49 Jump-ball participant
50 Diamond-shaped pattern
52 Mournful melody
54 Shaggy Scandinavian rug
56 Purim's month
58 ___ Four (Beatles)
59 U.N. body dealing with worker's rights
60 ___ in victory
61 Aussie bird that can't fly
62 Bulldog's cousin
63 "Me, me, me" attitude
64 Servers try to clear it

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1794 Eli Whitney receives a patent for his cotton gin, which revolutionizes America's cotton industry.

1900 Congress ratifies the Gold Standard Act.

1964 A jury in Dallas finds Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentences him to death.

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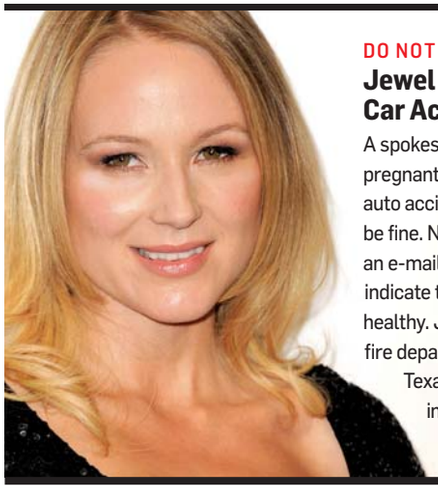

DO NOT PANIC

Jewel Safe After Friday Car Accident in Texas

A spokeswoman for Jewel says the pregnant singer was involved in an auto accident Friday but appears to be fine. Nicole Perez-Krueger said in an e-mail Friday that hospital tests indicate that Jewel and the fetus are healthy. Jewel's car collided with a fire department truck in Stephenville, Texas. The accident is being investigated, said Perez-Krueger. **(SOURCE)**

USEFUL

Lady Gaga Rallies Fans To Raise Money for Japan Relief Efforts

Lady Gaga has designed a prayer bracelet, all the proceeds of which will go toward disaster relief efforts in Japan, she announced via Twitter on Friday. The $5 white wristband, reading "We Pray for Japan" in both Japanese and English, is available for preorder at Ladygaga.shop.bravadousa.com and ships March 25. **(EXPRESS)**

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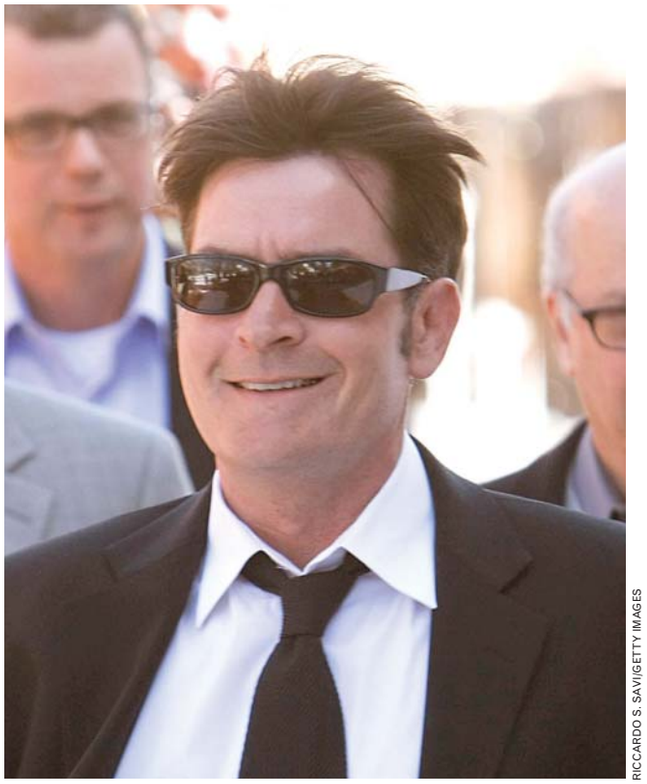
Like Charlie Sheen, Lady Gaga is making sure her fame benefits Japan relief.

You've Got Mel

He Can Go on the Road With Charlie

The domestic violence case involving Mel Gibson and his ex-girlfriend ended abruptly Friday. Within hours of appearing in court, Gibson was charged with misdemeanor spousal battery and pleaded no contest in a plea deal that kept him out of jail. He must instead spend three years on probation, undergo a year of domestic violence counseling, and perform 16 hours of community service. **(AP)**



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John Stamos turned down the opportunity to star in "Charlie Sheen Live."

WEAPONS

Truth Torpedo Is Go

Tickets for the Detroit and Chicago stops on Charlie Sheen's newly announced tour sold out in 18 minutes on Saturday — a Ticketmaster record, TMZ.com reported. One dollar from each ticket will go to the Red Cross Japanese Earthquake Relief Fund, according to Charliesheen.com (Sheen's official site). The actor's new publicist, Larry Solters, says he does not know the nature of the show, called "Charlie Sheen Live: My Violent Torpedo of Truth," or whether additional performances will be scheduled. **(AP/EXPRESS)**

THE END

We Declare This Man Pop-Culture Roadkill

Richard Hatch was ordered back to prison Friday to serve a nine-month sentence for failing to pay taxes on the $1 million he won on "Survivor." Hatch, who appears on "The Celebrity Apprentice," spent more than three years in prison for tax evasion before being released in 2009. He was supposed to refile his 2000 and 2001 taxes and pay what he owed, but he never did. **(AP)**

"As flattering as it is ... it's really not part of my career plan right now. I'm just on a different trajectory. I'm ready to have my own show."

—JOHN STAMOS TOLD RYAN SEACREST FRIDAY WHY HE ISN'T INTERESTED IN "TWO AND A HALF MEN." ELSEWHERE, SHEEN NOTED, "HE DOESN'T HAVE WHAT I HAVE."

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